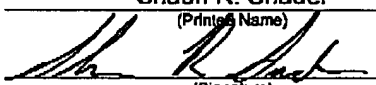


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 17, 2005.

The examiner requires an election of species to a single disclosed peptide species (e.g., a single peptide compound), including an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

While not acquiescing in the reasons for requiring an election of species, Applicants provisionally elect amino acid residues 177-191 of human growth hormone (SEQ ID NO: 1). Applicants understand that examination on the merits will be extended to other species upon allowance of a generic claim. In other words, the claims will not be limited to the elected species upon the species being found allowable.